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Letter dated 23 February 2005 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith a comprehensive statistical table showing the number of Israeli violations between May 2000 and January 2005.

These grave violations are part of a series of persistent and provocative Israeli violations of Lebanese airspace and territory which are incompatible with the principles of international law, the resolutions of international legitimacy and your repeated calls for their cessation.

In view of these violations and the escalation of Israeli threats against Lebanon, its territorial integrity and people, Lebanon requests the United Nations to deter and prevent Israel from indulging in such grave acts which are a threat to international security and peace. Lebanon holds Israel fully responsible for any consequences to which those acts may give rise.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 36, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Ibrahim **Assaf**
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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	Air violations				*Sea violations*	*Land violations*			
						Military acts of aggression	*Field violations*	*Breaches*	
Year	*Military jet*	*Reconnaissance*	*Helicopter*	*Total*	*Crossing of territorial waters, shooting of signal and illumination flares*	*Air-raids, shelling of military positions and important centres*	*Artillery fire, gunfire, infiltration, setting up of installations inside Lebanese territory*	*Threats and display of weapons, bulldozing of soil, placing of barbed wire inside Lebanese territory*	***Total violations***
2000	87	34	28	149	11	24	21	12	**217**
2001	346	68	45	459	39	10	19	22	**549**
2002	212	128	38	378	49	19	30	16	**492**
2003	237	210	87	534	157	21	85	47	**844**
2004	195	236	98	529	288	22	154	58	**1 051**
2005 to date	16	67	6	49	17	7	21	5	**99**
Total	**1 093**	**703**	**302**	**2 098**	**561**	**103**	**330**	**160**	**3 252**